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TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 6922

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TAGS: PINS, PFOR, LE, US

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENTS IN ST. GEORGE HOTEL

REF: SECSTATE 256679

1. I TOLD JONATHAN RANDALL THAT THE CORRESPONDENTS IN THE ST. GEORGES HOTEL WERE LOW PRIORITY VIS-A-VIS CORRESPONDENT CAPUTO, WHO HAD TWO BULLET WOUNDS IN HIS LEGS AND ALSO HOSPITALIZED IN KANTARI AREA, WHICH WE COULD NOT REACH FOR TWO DAYS. IT WAS ALSO LOWER PRIORITY THAN THOSE IN HOLIDAY INN, WHICH TOOK AT LEAST TWO DIRECT ROCKET HITS. IT WAS ALSO LOWER PRIORITY THAN PERSONS IN PHOENICIA, WHICH AGAIN WAS UNDER FIRE AND WHICH CBS REPORTER IN ST. GEORGES HOTEL TOLD ME WAS BURNING. ST. GEORGES IS BEST IN BEIRUT AND WAS IN NO REPEAT NO IMMEDIATE DANGER. RANDALL AND COMPANY ARE CURRENTLY BEING EVACUATED.

2. I REQUEST THAT MY DECISION IN THIS MATTER BE MADE OF PUBLIC RECORD AND WASHINGTON POST AND NEW YORK TIMES BE INFORMED THAT I BELIEVE IT IS MY JOB TO TAKE DECISIONS OF THIS NATURE, EVEN IF THEY ARE UNPLEASANT.  
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